MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

NR Eligible: yes no X

200102018

Property Name: George Houck House Inventory Number: CARR-1647
Address: Hanover Pike, near Baltimore Line City: Hampstead Zip Code: 21074
County: Carroll USGS Topographic Map: Hampstead
Owner: Frank DiPietro
Tax Parcel Number: 48 Tax Map Number: 160 Tax Account ID Number: 08-025169
Project: MD 30 Hampstead Agency: SHA
Site visit by MHT Staff:noyes Name:Date:
Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: ABCD Considerations: ABCDEFGNone
Is the property located within a historic district? X noyes Name of district:
Is district listed?noyes Determined eligible?noyes District Inventory Number:
Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MHT Inventory files
The George Houck House is a multi-part structure which has assumed its current appearance because of the numerous additions occurring from the time the original log house was constructed in the late nineteenth century, through the first decades of the twentieth century when the owner, Charles Richards, evidently substantially improved the property with the construction of outbuildings and an addition to the dwelling. The large side-gable dwelling, located on the east side of MD 30 Hanover Pike), immediately adjacent to commercial structures, with a modern subdivision on the west side of the road. It is currently unoccupied and is used for the storage of discarded items. The summer kitchen was incorporated into the footprint of the dwelling because of the construction of extensions. All but one of the other outbuildings (smokehouse) on the property has been destroyed. Though likely constructed as part of an agricultural complex, it currently retains no agricultural use or association. The dwelling and two outbuildings, unexceptional examples of ubiquitous types in Carroll County, have no significant historical association, and little architectural interest in their current state. Although the house is attributed to George Baker on the Martenet Map of Carroll County, documentary evidence points to ownership by George Houck until its sale in 1871, in conformance with the 1863 map (W. O. Shearer, Map of Carroll County, in collection of the Carroll County Historical Society). The George Houck House would not meet the National Register criterion C. In addition, it has no known significant association with important persons or events, thus it is not significant under Criteria A, or B, for listing in the National Register. The likelihood that it would yield significant archeological associations has not been determined, thus the likelihood that twould meet the requirements of Criterion D for listing in the National Register cannot be established at this time. Prepared by: Rita M. Suffness Date Prepared: May 13, 200
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW
Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended
Criteria:ABCD Considerations:A_BCD_EF_GNone Comments:
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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services
Reviewer NR program

1. Name of	Property	(indicate preferred na	ame)				
historic	George Houck House						
other	Frank DiPietro Ho	use					
2. Location	1		N				
street and numb	er Hanover Pike, acro	oss from Wolf Hill Road. 1	near Baltimore County L	ne N/A	not for publication		
city, town	Hampstead vicinity						
county	Carroll						
3. Owner o	of Property	(give names and mailing	addresses of all owners)				
name	Frank DiPietro						
street and numb	oer 444 Main Street			telephone 4	10-8336950		
city, town	Reisterstown		state MD	zip code 21	1136		
4 Location	n of Legal De	scription					
	•	roll County Courthouse	liber	681 folio 128			
city, town	Westminster	tax map 48	tax parcel 160	tax ID nu	ımber 8-025169		
Co De X De Re His	ntributing Resource in L termined Eligible for the termined Ineligible for th corded by HABS/HAER	National Register/Marylar ne National Register/Maryl r Research Report at MHT	and Register				
6. Classific		Current Function		Resource Co	augt		
Category district	public	agriculture	landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing		
X_building(s)	X_private	commerce/trade	recreation/culture		buildings		
structure	both	defense	religion		sites		
site		domestic	social		structures		
object		education	transportation		objects Total		
		funerary government	work in progress unknown		IUIai		
		health care	X_vacant/not in use		ontributing Resources		
		industry	other:	previously lis	ted in the Inventory		

7. Description	Inventory No. CARR-1647
Condition	
excellent deteriorated	

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Description Summary

good

X fair

ruins

altered

The George Houck property is composed of a ca. 1860 dwelling with outbuildings dating to ca. 1910's or 20's. The dwelling is a large ell-shaped, two and one-half story frame structure, which is clad with aluminum siding, covering German siding. It is oriented to the west along MD 30, opposite its junction with Wolf Hill Drive. The principal part (log) dwelling was likely constructed ca. 1860, with the ell wing, summer kitchen and smokehouse likely constructed in the early decades of the twentieth century. The construction of the extension of the principle block to the south for use as a small store, and the numerous extensions connecting the summer kitchen to the main block likely occurred in the 1930's, during the tenure of the Belt family

Description

The George Houck House, adjacent to MD 30 on the south side of Hampstead near the Carroll-Baltimore County line, is located on land between MD 30 on the west and the Western Maryland Railroad on the east, and between Upperco and Hampstead, Maryland. Part of a chicken farm operated by the Belt family from ca. 1927 to 1977, the property is confined to the ca. half acre parcel on which the dwelling and smokehouse located. The remaining property was sold off in the late 1970's and developed. Its setting has been compromised by the construction of the commercial enterprises that were built on all sides, as well as a housing subdivision directly across MD 30 from it. The structures are filled to the brim with discarded items.

The two and one-half story frame dwelling was likely built by George Houck shortly after his acquisition of the property in 1857 during the sale of his father's land, according to the 1857 will of William Houck. It was one of numerous properties owned by William Houck at the time of his death, in addition to the "plantation house in which he resided", located at anther location. There is one extant outbuilding, a smokehouse, and a modern metal shed and concrete block garage. A summer kitchen was incorporated into the mass of the house by the construction of a shed-roofed extension which connected them.

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The principle, side-gabled block parallels MD 30, and a large, full-height ell extends from the north bay of the east, or rear, elevation. The structure began as a two-room-down, two-room-up log building constructed in the last half of the nineteenth century. Chimneys inside the two gable end walls vent flues constructed for wood burning stoves. The original access to the upstairs is not discernible due to the changes wrought to the inside of the building over time with remodeling and modernization. The west (entrance) elevation facing MD 30 is four bays in width with the entry offset to the more southerly of the two middle bays sheltered by a one-story, one-bay wide shed-roofed porch. It was extended in the twentieth by a two bay, shed roofed addition on the south which is accessed through a door in the end wall of the parlor, and via a door in the shed roof extension to the rear which connects the dwelling with the summer kitchen. The current access to the second story is by means of a winder stair located in the northeast corner of the section ell last utilized as a kitchen.

The two story ell wing and summer kitchen, along with smokehouse, were likely constructed in the 1920's. The structure has been greatly expanded, as shed roof extensions were constructed over time to connect the dwelling with the original summer kitchen. In addition, there is a shed roof addition to the south side of the ell.

Immediately to the rear of the now attached summer kitchen is the frame smokehouse. The summer kitchen is a side-gable structure, with the entrance on the west in the gable end opposite a now greatly deteriorated chimney inside the end wall. A large fireplace is still extant the east wall on the interior. The smokehouse is also a side-gable structure, but the entrance is centered on the south flank of the structure. The sill is supported by a rubble stone foundation.

The current dwelling is that attributed to George Houck on the 1863 Shearer Map of Carrroll County (Carroll County Historical Society).

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CHAIN OF TITLE

Farrell Harrell

To

Frank DiPietro

681/128

9/27/1977

0.55 acre

Land Record

Ada Belt

To

Farrell Harrell

655/14

(Albert Belt died 1/4/1970)

4 acres

2/24/1977

Land Record

Isadore Richards

To

Ada Belt

149/532

11/12/27

Land Record

Mary Cooper

To

Charles Richards

142/401

wife Sarah Cox Chalk

and wife Isadore

9/29/1923

Land Record

Charles Richards

To

Mary Cooper

142/400

9/29/1923

Land Record

Two Parcels

Parcel #1: Jackson Belt

To

Charles Richards 54/42

7/3/1880

Land Record

Parcel #2: Four deeds

A. John Baumgartner

To

Charles Richards 44/203

and Reifsnider, trustees Equity Case 1205

6/10/1874

Land Record

Auction -\$450.00

4 acres

Lot 3 1, Plat of Real Estate, Chancery Record 19, folios 181-192

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B. George Houck of WIm To John Baumgartner 39/288 and wife Elizabeth Reifsnider, Trustees 3/9/1871

92 acres Land Record

Transfer of land for benefit of creditors

C. John E. Houck To George Houck of Wlm 39/287

and wife Martha \$3,000 3/9/1871

Land Record

D. George Houck of Wlm To John E. Houck 38/36

6/25/1870

Land Record

Four Parcels

a) Joseph Armacost To George Houck 27/73

46 acres, \$966.00 5/18/1860

Wells Inheritance, on line of Ranch Spring Land Record

b) Charles Worthington To George Houck WW 2/208 and wife Susan 32 acres 3/5/1838

of Baltimore Land Record

Hookers Meadows Resurveyed, Lot 18, Land Division

c) Henry Schultz To George Houck 255/338 9/21/1835

Baltimore Land Records

d) Elias To William Houck 22/42

and George Houck

Executors of will of Wlm Houck, Sr. 3/10/1857

Land Record

William Houck lived on a Baltimore County Plantation (108 acres) 12 parcels sold at

Sold at public sale at Tavern in Hampstead.

8. Signification	ance			Inventory No. CARR-1647
Period	Areas of Significance	Check and j	ustify below	
1600-1699 1700-1799 1800-1899 1900-1999 2000-	agriculture archeology architecture art commerce communications community planning conservation	 economics education engineering entertainment/ recreation ethnic heritage exploration/ settlement 	health/medicine industry invention landscape archite law literature maritime history military	performing arts philosophy politics/government cture religion science social history transportation other:
Specific dates	ca. 1860, ca. 1915		Architect/Builder	Unknown
Construction da	ates ca. 1860			
Evaluation for:	National Register	1	Maryland Register	not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

Significance Summary

The George Houck House is a much altered, simple ell-shaped frame dwelling, formerly part of an agricultural property from which it has been severed by much subdivision housing and commercial building construction. It dates to two periods of construction—the late nineteenth century when the original log building was likely constructed by Gorge Houck, and the early twentieth century outbuildings and ell addition to the main block, and one story shed roof addition to the south. The smokehouse, located off of the southeast corner, is the only free-standing outbuilding on the original farmstead that is extant. A summer kitchen has been joined to the main black by means of a number of additions. The buildings have been vacant and used for storage since 1977. With little integrity as an agricultural property, and as an example of a ubiquitous house type, with no significant historical association, the George Houck House has little architectural or historical importance.

The George Houck House is located to the south of Hampstead in a farming community which was affected by the construction of the Baltimore, and Hanover Railroad between 1876 and 1879. In addition to the railroad, which caused the removal of buildings and the truncation of farm properties, the integrity of the area has been further compromised by the construction of a string of industrial and commercial complexes along MD 30 to the north of the dwelling, plus subdivision housing across MD 30 from it.

Significance

The George Houck House conforms to a standard, I-house design that is ubiquitous in Carroll County. Many dwellings in Carroll have two-story rear ells that give them an L or, occasionally, a T shape. The George Houck House, although constructed as part of an agricultural complex, has little integrity as an agricultural property, in small part as it was severed from the farmland by the construction of the Hanover-Baltimore Railroad (now Western Maryland Railroad) in 1879 and as the result of subdivision of the property which occurred about 35 years ago.

The George Houck House has been analyzed within the context of architecture, and in relation to the transition from agriculture to industrialization, and increasing urbanization (Maryland Historical Trust

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Historic Contexts—Agricultural/Industrial Transition, 1815-1870, and Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870 to 1930), which was closely tied to the continued development of an extended transportation network.

Throughout the mid-nineteenth century the infrastructure of Carroll County increased in complexity. Among the additions to the transportation network was the construction, beginning in 1852, of the Baltimore, Carroll and Frederick Railroad, later the Western Maryland Railroad (Lee 1982:48). Stages ran between Manchester and Baltimore, along Route 30 within the project area, from the 1830's until 1879.

New growth in Carroll County was encouraged by the discovery of gold in the vicinity of what are today Melrose and Ebbvale in 1860 (well north of Hampstead). Nonetheless, transportation improvements were executed throughout the county and into the Hampstead area. To assist in the search for mineral wealth, the Bachman Valley Railroad was constructed about 1871. It spawned a series of small towns in Carroll County (Schlichter 1961:231).

Between 1876 and 1879, the Baltimore and Hanover Railroad was constructed along the eastern edge of Carroll County. It included stops within and near Greenmount, Maple Grove, and Millers, eventually connecting to the north with the Bachman Valley Railroad. Soon after its completion, the Baltimore and Hanover, along with the Bachman Valley and the Baltimore, Carroll and Frederick Railroads, were joined into the Western Maryland Railroad (Schlichter 1961:232; Lee 1982). The land owned by the Houck family, among others, in the southern part of the Hampstead District near the border with Baltimore County south of Hampstead, was likely affected by the construction of the Hanover-Baltimore Railroad, with possible severing of farmland and removal of buildings.

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Historic Context

Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period (s):

Agricultural/Industrial Transition, 1815-1870 Industrial-Urban Dominance, 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme: Architecture

Resource Type

Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function (s) and Use (s):

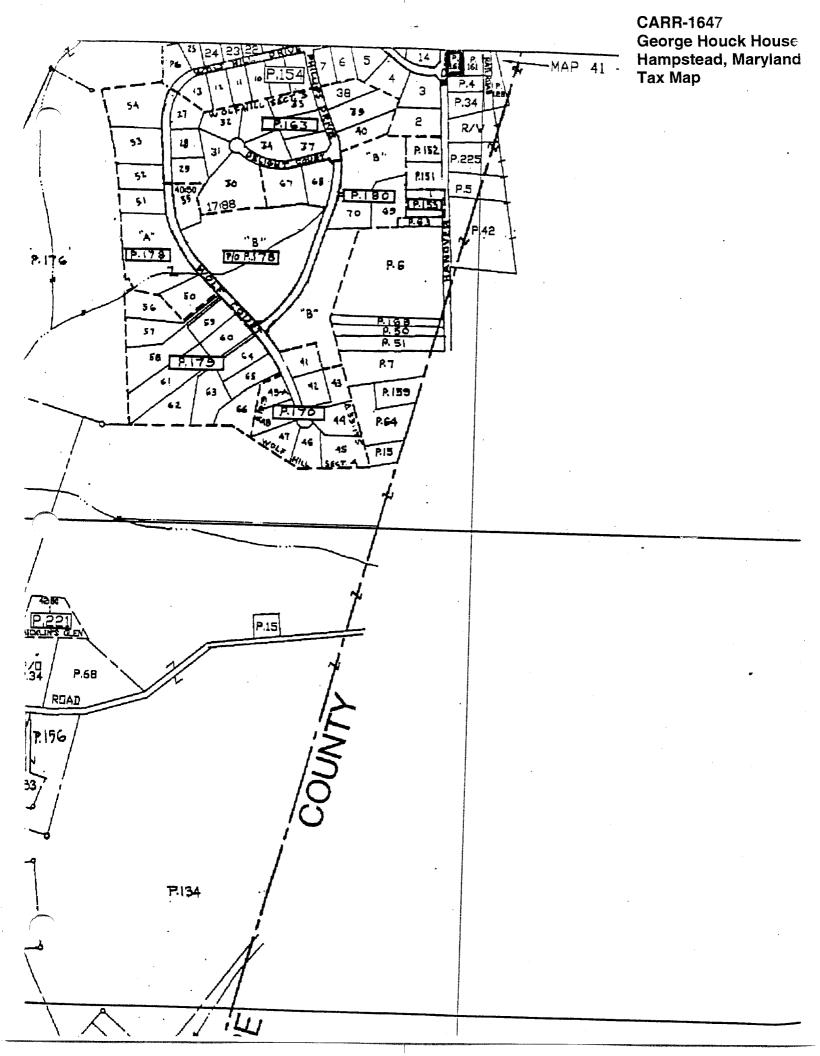
Domestic/Single Dwelling/Residence
Domestic/ Outbuilding/Summer Kitchen

(attached to house)

Domestic/ Outbuilding/Smokehouse
Domestic/Garage/Shed (non-contributing)

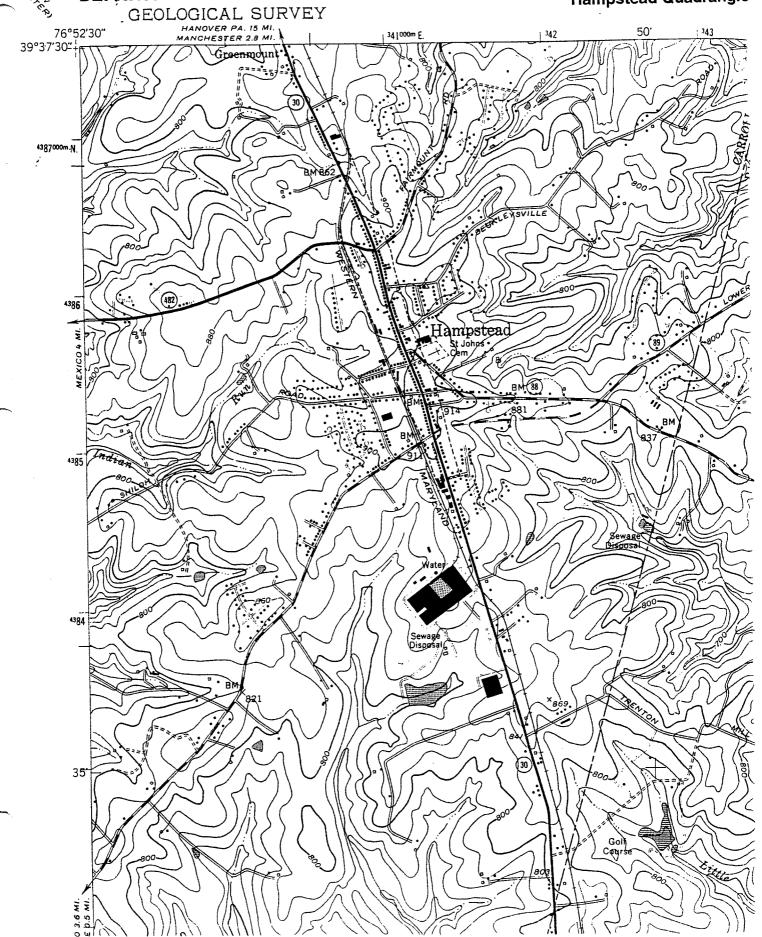
Known Design Source: None





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CARR-1647
George Houck House
Hampstead, Maryland
Location Map
Hampstead Quadrangle





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